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Congratulations and Thanks

The Georgia Chapter of ASLA would like to congratulate and thank the following members on their recent election to fill two open positions on the GAASLA Executive Committee:

Madie Fischetti, ASLA
Northeast Georgia Section Chair
madiec@uga.edu

Kathrine Clark, ASLA
Member Services Chair
kclark@wkdickson.com

Upcoming Events

Save the Date! GAASLA Atlanta and Northeast Georgia Sections will be hosting our annual Holiday Party Tuesday, December 16 from 6 to 9pm at the Sweetwater Brewery. This event is being sponsored by **Lumensource** and **Lumec**. Please plan on attending this event. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet our sponsors, network with your peers, and did I mention touring the brewery and tasting their award winning brews. Registration details will be available shortly.

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- 10th - Executive Committee Conference Call
- 12th - Macon Holiday Social
- 16th - Atlanta Holiday Social

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- 8th - Sustainable Sites Initiative Presentation - Savannah (see below for more info)
- 16th - Executive Committee Meeting in Macon
- 17th - Sustainable Hardscapes Workshop (see below for more info)
- 21st - Green Cuisine - Savannah
- 28-29 - Landscape Planning Short Course - University of Georgia Continuing Ed . (contact Neal Weatherly nweath@uga.edu)

Please note that all Executive Committee Meetings are open to GAASLA members. Please contact Brandon White at bpw@rhf.net for more information.

Sustainable Sites Initiative Presentation

By: Heather Venhaus, Ecological Designer with Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX

When: Thursday, January 8th, 2009

Where: Savannah, GA

Cost: free

More details to follow, contact Jamie Csizmadia at jcsizmadia@kerncoleman.com for more information



Sustainable Hardscapes Workshop for Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects. 5 HSW LU's in Atlanta, GA: January 17, 2009. Topics: permeable interlocking concrete pavements (2 hr), green roofs (1 hr), LEED® points with concrete masonry (1 hr), sustainability of clay brick (1 hr). New **Permeable Design Pro** structural & hydrologic software, lunch and tradeshow pass included. Early registration (\$135) closes Dec.22. www.hardscapena.com.

ASLA National – Call for Entries

ASLA has released its [2009 awards call for entries](#) for professionals and students and we would love if you could link to it from your own chapter's website.

Please note that the eligibility requirements for the Research category have changed to allow non-landscape architecture professionals to enter. View the [eligibility](#) and entry [process](#), please pay careful attention to those guidelines. Professional entry forms and payment must be received by Friday, February 6, 2009, and submission binders are due by Friday, February 20. Student entry forms and payment must be received by Friday, May 29, 2009, and submission binders are due by Friday, June 12.

Award recipients, their clients, and advisors will be honored at the awards presentation ceremony followed by a special champagne reception during the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO in Chicago, September 18-21, 2009. The award winning projects will be featured in a video presentation to premier at the ceremony. Professional award recipients receive featured coverage in *Landscape Architecture* magazine and in many other design, construction industry and general-interest media. Student award recipients will receive a complimentary full registration to the 2009 annual meeting, and student Award of Excellence recipients will also receive complimentary travel and hotel accommodations.

The 2008 professional awards video will be available for free downloading and viewing online in the next few weeks.

Sustainable Sites Initiative



The latest report is now available for public comment, please take a moment to review and submit your comments.

Today, the Sustainable Sites Initiative invites public comment on the new report titled Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks Draft 2008, the most comprehensive set of national guidelines yet developed for the sustainable design, construction and maintenance of landscapes. The report is available for download at www.sustainablesites.org and an online feedback form has been created for users to help improve the guidelines.

These guidelines will enable built landscapes to support natural ecological functions by protecting existing ecosystems and regenerating ecological capacity where it has been lost. The report includes more than 50 prerequisites and credit options that cover everything from initial site selection to construction and maintenance. The report represents thousands of hours with input from 37 technical advisors in hydrology, vegetation, soils, materials and human health and well being. These credits were tailored to apply to any landscape, with or without buildings.

For information, contact info@sustainablesites.org

In District Advocacy Day

Wednesday, February 18th, 2009

As you know, ASLA's advocacy efforts are important to advancing the principles of the Society and In-District Advocacy Day is becoming one of ASLA's most important and powerful tools in moving forward the federal legislative agenda of the Society. Each year, In-District Advocacy Day is successful because of the efforts of Georgia Chapter members who sign on to meet their U.S. Congressmen, Congresswomen and Senators in their local offices to discuss federal legislative issues important to the Society.

This year, ASLA In-District Advocacy Day will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 and ASLA members will discuss securing federal funding for the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) and the importance of historic landscapes to our nation. In-District Advocacy Day participants will also discuss the importance of good transportation planning and design for all users and including a "Complete Streets" policy in the upcoming reauthorization of the surface transportation bill.

If you're a lover of grassroots action, a politician at heart, or just a good ol' fashioned hell-raiser, please join your fellow members and sign up to participate in In-District Advocacy Day by sending your name and home address to Jamie Csizmadia at jcsizmadia@kerncoleman.com by Thursday, December 11th so that we can begin securing In-District meetings. Also, please consult ASLA's In-District Advocacy Day Web <http://www.asla.org/FederalGovernmentAffairs.aspx?id=9176> page for up-to-date information on In-District Advocacy Day and other critical advocacy tools.

You will receive effective training and information, and we promise to fully prepare you for your meeting!

The upcoming 111th Congress will bring many new federal legislators to Congress and many new issues to the forefront of the legislative agenda. It is extremely important that landscape architects reach out to their Members of Congress and Senators to encourage them to support issues that are important to the profession.

A Huge Thanks!

With over 40 projects to review and judge, an enormously large thanks goes out to the following professionals for taking 8 hours (no kidding) out of their precious schedules to participate as jury members for the New York Chapter of ASLA Annual Awards on a recent November weekend:

Kathrine Clark, ASLA - Landscape Designer - WK Dickson

Jian Fei, P.E. - Senior Civil Engineer - City of Savannah

Denise Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP - Director of Community Planning - Lott + Barber

Chuck Taylor, ASLA - Campus Landscape Architect/Planner - Georgia Southern University

Jan VandenBulck, ASLA - Landscape Architect - Smith & VandenBulck P.C.

J. Adam Ragsdale, ASLA - Landscape Architect & Partner - Kennedy Ragsdale & Associates, Inc.

GAASLA/UGA Student Chapter "Pizza with Purpose"



GAASLA President Jamie Csizmadia with raffle winning UGA Students

The first annual GAASLA/UGA Student Chapter "Pizza with Purpose" was held on Friday, November 14th, 2008 at Caldwell Hall on the UGA campus in Athens, Georgia. The informal social was well attended by undergraduate students, faculty, hungry by-standers, and even Dean Nadenicek graced us with his presence. The "Purpose" was to inform the students of several funding initiatives that GAASLA

has instituted to support the School of Environmental Design (SED) at UGA, namely the students. They are as follows:

1. The UGA Endowment - GAASLA has created an endowment that will fund an annual \$1000 SED scholarship into perpetuity.
2. GAASLA Golf Tournament donation - GAASLA intends to contribute the first \$1000 of profit earned by the Annual Golf Tournament to the SED for its use.
3. Student President Reimbursement - GAASLA will reimburse the incoming UGA Student Chapter President up to \$750 to attend the 2009 ASLA Annual Meeting in Chicago.
4. Travel Reimbursements - GAASLA will reimburse travel costs for the students to attend LABASH at Penn State in February and Advocacy Day in D.C. in April.
5. Free Student memberships - GAASLA raffled off three (3) new memberships to students who attended

Special thanks go out to the UGA Student Chapter President, Kevan Williams, for not only assisting GAASLA in organizing and publicizing the event, but also for participating in our Executive Committee meeting earlier that same day!

Job Listings

Position: Mid- and Senior-Level Landscape Architect

Company: Lappas + Havener, PA

Location: Durham, NC

Description: Young, design-oriented firm has an immediate opening for a junior project manager/designer (3-7 years experience) and a senior project manager (8-15 years experience). Experience in large LA, architecture or multi-disciplinary firm desirable. CAD proficiency and high quality freehand graphics required. Practice focuses on the design of the cultural landscape and public spaces, museums, architectural site planning on university, healthcare and corporate campuses, mixed use and recreational design.

Contact: Bob Lappas for full employment description or send resume, references, work samples and salary history in confidence to bob@lhpa-nc.com

Enjoy the Holiday Season!